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L U N C H E O N

WEDNESDAY, November 9th, 1949.....

Cocktails at 12:30 P.M.

Luncheon at 12:45 P.M.

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Lester Pearson was the Canadian Ambassador in Washington for some time during the war. Long a leading representative of his country at important international conferences, Pearson has been present at almost every session of the United Nations since its formation (in one capacity or another). "Mike" will probably talk about the role of the Middle Power, Canada, in its relation to Great Britain and the United States.

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ARTHUR GORDON writes of "The Years Between" in a short story for October issue of Redbook magazine.

In the new book "A Treasury of Great Reporting", edited by Louis L. Snyder and Richard B. Morris, and published by Simon and Schuster, the dispatches of many OPC members are run. The preface to the book has been written by HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE whose story of breaking the Becker case ran in the New York World. The following great reporting is featured:

WILL IRWIN (deceased) who wrote the story denouncing the use of poison gas by the Germans at Ypres (1915).

BEN HECHT's story in the Chicago Daily news of Carl Wanderer, who was glad that he killed the ragged stranger. (1920).

WALTER DURANTY's story of a Moscow Trial (1924).

JOHN GUNTHER'S story of the Reichstag fire (1933).

JACK IAIT's lead article of the death of Dillinger (1934).

A. T. STEELE's piece describing four days of hell in China for the Chicago Daily News (1937).

BOB CONSIDINE's play by play account of the Louis-Schmeling fight. (1939).

LELAND STOWE's Exposure of the Fiasco in Norway as one of the costliest military bungles in modern British history (1940).

QUENTIN REYNOLD's reporting of the Fall of Paris (1940).

WILLIAM L. SHIRER's telling of Hitler's Hour of Triumph (1940).

THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN (1940).. by HELEN KIRKPATRICK and EDWARD R. MURROW of CBS.

CECIL BROWN's account of battle at sea (1941).

EDWARD R. MURROW's witness account of the RAF strafing of Berlin (1943).

HAL BOYLE's story of how Shorty Plotnick came a long way to die (1944).

GENE CURRIVAN's description of the Buchenwald Death Camp (1945).

LOWELL THOMAS' broadcast of the birth of Israel (1948).

RALPH MC GILL, editor of the Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution claims "Civil Rights for the Negro" in the Atlantic Monthly of November.... "The World Through a Glass Eye" was the topic of Acme's BERT BRANDT in a speech before the Adventurers' Club on Thursday, last week..... CAROL WEID is in Hollywood, Florida..... BEN WASHER has gone into business for himself to handle specialized promotion of various kinds..... RICHARD TREGASKIS writes about "The Happiest Yank in England" for the November issue of True magazine. He and his wife are moving to the West Coast soon, to the regret of his friends here in New York.

N O T E *** THE HOUSE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME MORE PICTURES OF MEMBERS AS THERE IS A BRAND NEW WALL TO FILL WITH "FRAMED" COLLEAGUES.

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The November issue of the Woman's Home Companion carries two articles by members. One by HOWARD WHITMAN answers the question "Is Prejudice Poisoning Our Kids?" and the other is by DICKSON HARTWELL who points out "The New Ways To Fight Anemia".

OLLIE STEWART of the Afro-American Newspapers left the States last April for an assignment to Europe of six months. This has been extended six months and STEWART says that Paris in the Fall is not the worst place to work.

PAUL GHALI of the Chicago Daily News bureau in Paris will return to Paris on Nov. 5th after six weeks leave in the United States.

DICK HYMAN's "It's The Law" in the American magazine of November affirms that "In New York City, it is against the law to mow one's lawn on Sunday".

ANDRE RABACHE, director of the Agence France-Presse in New York has been elected President of the Foreign Press Association here. MIECZYSLAW WIONCZEK, Polish Press Agency, will be Treasurer for the coming year. FRANK TAO of the Chinese News Agency will serve on the executive committee. PATRICIA DUNN HILL will be secretary. BENJAMIN COHEN of the United Nations was unanimously reelected an honorary member.

NABOTH HEDIN is working on a new book to be called "Americans From Sweden" which will be published by Lippincott as one of their series on nationality groups in the United States, originally edited by Louis Adamic. Hudson Strode's new book "Sweden -- A Model For the World", published last week by Harcourt, Brace and Co. is dedicated to HEDIN. Professor Adolph Benson of Yale University is co-author of HEDIN for the new book. The two of them edited a volume in 1938 called "Swedes in America".

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ONE OF THE LARGEST LUNCHEONS the Overseas Press Club has ever held took place at the Hotel Savoy-Plaza on October 18 in honor of Prime Minister Nehru of India. Three dining rooms at the Savoy-Plaza were jammed. Those whose reservations had not been received in time to be in the main room heard the Prime Minister by loud speaker. There were long lines to buy tickets. Members brought more guests than they had indicated. Journalistic opportunists grabbed seats ad lib. Perhaps, as some members said, the low price of the luncheon which could have been held in a ball room at ballroom prices, certainly elicited added enthusiasm.

Pandit Nehru made one of his most sincere and earnest speeches at the Overseas Press Club luncheon -- he likes to speak to people when he feels close to them, according to his sister, MADAME PANDIT, present Ambassador to the United States. The questions after his speech also brought forth his subtle wit and unforgettable logic for any given problem.

Seated at the head table were: General Groves, Atomic Commission; Loy Henderson, former U.S. Ambassador to India; Madame Pandit, Indian Ambassador to the United States; Sir Girdi Bajpai, of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of India; Mr. B. R. Sen, Minister plenipotentiary of India in Washington; Stanley Woodward of the State Department in Washington; E. R. Freeman, foreign editor of the New York Times; ROBERT CONSIDINE, INS; PATRICIA LOCHRIDGE of Crowell Collier's; W. W. Chaplin of NBC; EDGAR SNOW of the Saturday Evening Post; DON HUTH of the Associated Press, who wrote the chapter about Prime Minister Nehru in the forthcoming OPC book "Men Who Shape Your World" to be published by Dutton on November 16th; R. R. Saksena, consul general of India, etc. There were many distinguished members in the audience with many distinguished guests who will not be mentioned -- not because of lack of prestige and importance but because of lack of space in the OPC Bulletin.

JOHN GUNTHER asked Pandit Nehru whether India would recognize the new government of China. The Prime Minister said that his government had sent an Ambassador to Nanking and could not ignore realities. Speaking fluently and without a note, he declared that India can't escape assuming an important role in world affairs, largely because of its geography and history. Although there is still much upheaval and ferment, India is solving its problems as quickly as can be expected in a country of its size and population. Nehru said he welcomed capital, machinery and technical assistance from the United States to help it develop more quickly.

HESTER E. HENSELL,
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